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ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

CITY OF CORDELE

GEORGIA

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THIRD REPORT

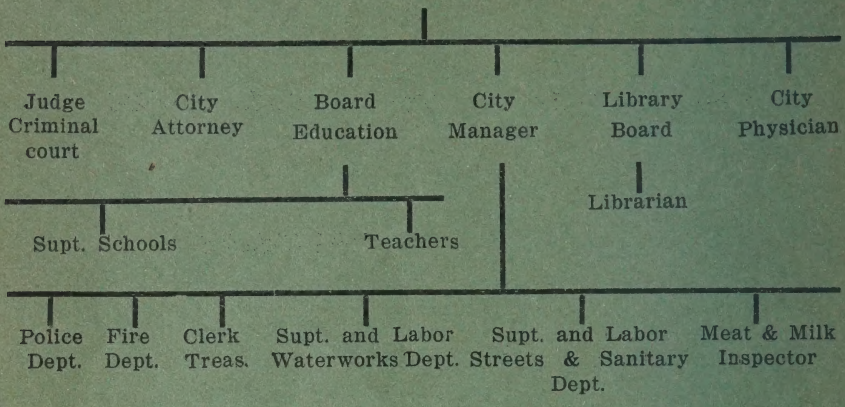
UNDER

Commission-Manager Government

FOR THE

YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31st, 1925

CORDELE VOTERS ELECT
FIVE COMMISSIONERS



CITY OFFICIALS OF CORDELE

Commission

J. J. Williams, Chairman — W. A. Thompson, Vice-Chairman

M. R. Smith — G. C. Lewis — Jerry Slade

Administrative Officers

S. J. Hill ..... City Manager
Jno. R. Brown ..... Clerk and Treasurer
Dr. Lee Williams ..... City Physician
Col. C. L. Harris ..... Judge Criminal Court
Strozier & Gower ..... City Attorneys
W. G. Webb ..... Supt. Waterworks
J. T. Persall ..... In Charge Street and Sanitary Dept.
T. N. Turk ..... Chief of Police
Roy C. Thompson ..... Chief of Fire Department
Dr. J. W. Mann ..... Milk and Meat Inspector

Board of Education

O. T. Gower, Chairman
Mrs. Max E. Land, Secretary and Treasurer
W. G. Hatcher, Jr. — J. W. Bivins, Sr. — B. N. Williams
D. H. Standard, Supt. of Public Schools

Library Board

F. L. Bartholomew, Chairman — Mrs. W. P. Fleming — Mrs. J. M. Diffee
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Cordele, Ga., Jan. 1st, 1926

To The Citizens of Cordele:

We, the duly elected representatives of your city, take this opportunity to place before you, a full report, showing the various activities of the City Government for the Year 1925, which we trust will meet with your hearty approval. We earnestly solicit your cooperation in the future years, just as we have had the past three years, and wish to assure you that the Commission of Cordele, is earnestly and unitedly working to develop Cordele along sound and practical lines. With a united and loyal citizenry, this community should make the year 1926, the best our section has ever known.

Yours very truly,

J. J. WILLIAMS, Chairman
W. A. THOMPSON, Vice Chairman
JERRY SLADE, Commissioner
G. C. LEWIS, Commissioner
M. R. SMITH, Commissioner

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

Cordele, Ga., January 1st, 1926

TO THE HONORABLE CITY COMMISSION,
CORDELE, GEORGIA.

GENTLEMEN:

We beg to present herein the Third Aannual Report of the City Government under the Commission-Manager Charter.

During the year 1925 we have added to our street equipment and paid for to the amount of about $1750.00.

To our Fixed Assets we have also added Tourist Camp, $1639.77; Fair Building, $7484.24 and Street Paving to the amount $3238.75, making a total of $12,362.76.

Bills Payable have been reduced by the amount of $4500.00

You will find reports from the heads of the different department which together with the detailed financial report speak for themselves.

I believe you are, as I know I am, anxious to see more paving done and a new City Hall built, and with this in view I want to call your attention to the part of the auditor's report which shows a decrease in the tax valuations from 1923, which was approximately $4,215,000.00, and in 1925 was $3,835,000.00.

Respectfully submitted,

S. J. HILL, City Manager

APPROPRIATION SHEET FOR THE CITY OF CORDELE, 1925

1925 REVENUE	Estimated	Actual
Advalorem Taxes	$66,000.00	$69,540.81
License Tax	13,000.00	13,770.50
Water Rents	18,000.00	19,914.63
Street Tax	2,250.00	2,002.00
Fines and Forfeitures	2,000.00	2,208.65
Marshall's Sales	500.00	579.00
Rentals	300.00	300.00
Cemetery Income	200.00	225.00
County Commissioners	1,200.00	1,200.00
Electric and Plumbing Inspections	50.00	24.25
Legal Advertising		99.00
Belated Return Fees		150.00
Interest on Delinquent Taxes		939.57
Auto Registrations		54.94
	$103,500.00	$111,008.35

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1925 EXPENDITURES	Estimated	Actual
Police Department	$ 7,000.00	$ 7,082.25
Fire Department	5,000.00	4,859.14
Waterworks Department	13,000.00	11,368.80
Street and Sanitary Department	9,000.00	12,697.31
Library	3,400.00	3,521.92
Salaries	7,200.00	6,707.50
General Expense	900.00	1,390.26
Charity	500.00	265.05
Cemetery Expense	700.00	591.00
Street Lighting	4,800.00	4,889.59
Parks	600.00	74.09
Public Schools	26,400.00	27,485.09
Interest on Bonds	9,471.81	9,472.34
Insurance	500.00	650.00
Interest on Bills Payable	700.00	727.17
Public Improvements	1,200.00	
Bills Payable	4,500.00	4,500.00
Cash Reserve	2,028.19	
Sinking Fund	6,600.00	6,871.28
Live Stock and Road Machinery	1,200.00	1,533.00
	$103,500.00	$103,957.27

CITY O FCORDELE NOTES PAYABLE AS OF DECEMBER 31st, 1925

(From Auditor's Report)

American La France Fire Engine Co., Due Jan. 30th, 1926	2,000.00
American La France Fire Engine Co., due Jan. 30th, 1927	3,000.00
O'Neal Land & Development Co., Due Apr. 6th, 1926	2,500.00
Total Notes Payable as per (Comparative) Statement Balance Sheet	$7,500.00

REPORT OF WATERWORKS DEPARTMENT FOR 1925

CITY OF CORDELE, GA.

Cordele, Georgia, Jan. 1st, 1926

Mr. S. J. Hill, City Manager,
Cordele, Georgia.

Dear Sir:

I beg to hand herein the report of the operation of the Waterworks Department of the City of Cordele for the year 1925:

The financial report herewith shows clearly the operation in detail. In addition to this I would like to mention that there has been 6000 feet of 3-4 inch pipe, 1000 feet of 1 inch pipe, 400 feet of 1 1-4 inch pipe and 400 feet of 1 1-2 inch pipe laid. Also 169 new service connections added and 179 metered which makes a total of service connections of 989, 879 of these are metered and 110 on flat rate.

I am glad to report that Cordele is listed as one among the Georgia ctiies as having excellent drinking water and also as giving excellent co-operation with the State Board of Health.

Respectfully submitted,

W. G. WEBB, Superintendent

CITY OF CORDELE

FINANCIAL STATEMENT OF WATERWORKS DEPARTMENT FOR 1925

WATER RENTS—

Estimated revenue 1925 budget	$18,000.00
Actu alcollections to Dec. 31st, 1925	19,914.63
Collected in excess of estimate	$1,914.63

APPROPRIATION—

1925 Budget		$13,000.00
Salaries and Labor	$ 6,041.90	
Fuel and Freights	3,666.98	
Supplies and Freight	1,020.14	
Oils and Greases	307.94	
Lights (electric light bills)	46.25	
Sundries (service car, express, etc.)	285.59—	$11,368.11
Amount inside of budget		$1,631.20

NET INCOME OF PLANT—

Actual Collection in 1925	$19,914.63
Actual Expenditures 1925	11,368.80
Net Income	$8,529.83

SUPPLIES AND FUEL ON HAND—

Cord Wood	$ 50.00	
Coal	437.50	
Oils	113.40	
General Supplies	578.00	
Total		$1,168.90

Net operating profit for the year	$9,698.90
Deduct interest on Waterworks Bonds	4,620.00
Net operating profit	$5,078.73

PUMPING OPERATIONS—

Average gallons pumped per day	472,786
Average gallons pumped per month	14,297,247
Total gallons pumped for year	171,566,965
Average cost per 1000 gallons	.06 62-100

NUMBER OF CONSUMERS—

Total number of consumers	989
Total number of metered consumers	879
Total number of flat-rate consumers	119

Metered percentage, 88.8 percent.

HYDRANTS BELONGING TO THE CITY OF CORDELE—

Total number of City Hydrants	115
Total number of private hydrants	19

REPORT OF THE LIBARIAN FOR THE YEAR 1925

To the City Manager and Members of the City Commission of Cordele:

During the year 1925 the library circulated 5 books per capita in Cordele; 2 books per capita in Crisp county and to each of the 3,086 members of the library there was an average of 11 books per member issued. In addition to the books circulated the report shows that 1,122 magazines were loaned for home use and 8,739 people used the Reading and Reference room of the library.

The Traveling Libraries sent to the County Schools each month were as enthusiastically received as in previous years for out of twenty-five schools in the county twenty-three were used as bases to circulate books to the girls and boys of the county.

The report also shows that the library has issued more temporary cards to transients during 1925 than during any previous year—48 temporary memberships having been issued. A transient in Cordele may obtain a book from the library by depositing a dollar which is refunded when the book is returned.

During Children's Book Week in November the library conducted an essay contest in the public schools of Cordele to encourage the reading of better books by the girls and boys. The subject for the essays was, "The Best Book I Ever Read,' and from among the many splendid papers submitted, the essay of Virginia Rose Marshall, who chose a biography, Jeanne d'Arc, as her subject, was awarded first prize by the judges.

The library had a booth at the Crisp County Fair in the fall which displayed a few of the new books for adults and juveniles which might be found on our shelves. The work that is being done by the library was also shown by charts and posters.

There are at present 8,334 volumes in the Library and 3,086 members registered as borrowers."

Respectfully submitted
MARTHA FOX, Librarian

CONDENSED REPORT OF LIBRARIAN FOR 1925

To the City Manager and the Members of the City Commission of Cordele:

No. of books in the Library January 1, 1925	7,845
No. of books added during 1925	610
No. of books lost, worn out and discarded	121
No. of books in the Library December 31, 1925	8,334
Total attendance at reading and reference room	8,739
Total books circulated during 1925	39,252
Total periodicals circulated during 1925	1,122
Circulation of traveling libraries	4,414
Attendance at Children's Story Hours	1,874
Total library membership January 1, 1925	3,173
Membership Decrease 1925	87
Total membership December 31, 1925	3,086

REPORT OF FIRE CHIEF

Mr. S. J. Hill, City Manager,
Cordele, Ga.

Dear Sir.

I beg to submit below report of the Cordele Fire Department for the

year 1925.

Number of men, regular	5
Number of Volunteers	4
Number of pieces apparatus	2
Condition of Trucks, good	
Hose in good condition, 4000 feet	
Chemical Hose, 400 feet	
Condition of Fire Department, good	
Number of fire hydrants, in good condition	115
Total number of calls answered during 1925	89
Number of false alarms	6
Number of grass fires	8
Number of roof and chimney fires	20
Number of residences endangered	41
Number of businesses endangered	23
Automobile fires	3
Number of barn fires	3
Out of town fires	6
Number of feet of hose laid at fires	14,500
Value of buildings endangered by fire	$47,150.00
Damage to buildings by fire	18,425.00
Insurance on buildings endangered	31,400.00
Value of contents endangered	61,800.00
Damage of contents by fire	8,650.00
Insurance on contents endangered	43,200.00

Bought during 1925 all Firemen two suits each.
Bought during 1925 500 feet hose.

Respectfully submitted,
ROY C. THOMPSON, Chief

REPORT OF MILK AND MEAT INSPECTOR

Mr. S. J. Hill, City Manager.
Dear Sir:

I beg to submit the following report covering twelve months meat and milk inspection.

Inspected and passed 359,400 pounds of beef.

Inspected and passed, 78,175 pounds hog, sheep, goats and veal.

All the following dairies are free from tuberculosis in cattle. Nesbit's Brogdon's, Mitchell's, Offenburg. Arnold's, Smith's, Crystal Dairy Farm, Wright's.

All dairies and meat markets under my supervision are in a sanitary condition. Cooperation has been very marked among dairymen and meat market men. I am

Very truly yours,
J. W. MANN, Veterinarian, City Meat and Milk Inspector

REPORT OF POLICE DEPARTMENT

Mr. S. J. Hill, City Manager,
Cordele, Ga.
Dear Sir:

I beg to submit my report from the Police Department for the year 1925

Number of regular men on the force	5
Extra men used during the year (one man 6 days)	1
Number of arrests for the City	185

Number of cases for Crisp and other counties 235
Amount of fines and forfeitures collected for City $2208.65

The Police Department is in fine condition, and the spirit of harmony with which the men attend their duties speaks well for the organization.

Under the Commission-Manager form of government we have been able to get the best co-operation possible, and the men are responding to this co-operation by giving the very best possible police service to the City.

Very few crimes, other than the usual drunks and disorderly cases, were docketed.

We have a clean police force and are trying to keep our city free from vice. We love our City, and our work is made pleasant by the congeniality existing inside the force. The Commission-Manager form of government and our City officials are receiving our best efforts to serve them, and enforce the laws in our city.

T. N. TURK, Chief of Police

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENSES FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31st, 1925

(From Auditor's Report)

INCOME—		
General Fund	$52,393.17	
Waterworks Department	19,914.63	
Sinking Fund	8,650.74	
Total Income of City (other than for schools)		$80,958.54

DEDUCT EXPENDITURES

General Fund	$44,743.61	
Waterworks Department	11,368.80	
Interest paid on bonded debts	9,472.34	
Total Expenses		$65,584.75
Excess of income over expenses		$15,373.79

DELINQUENT TAXES AS AT DECEMBER 31st, 1925

(From Auditor's Report)

Tax Year 1919	$ 138.75
Tax Year 1920	376.33
Tax Year 1921	1,224.57
Tax Year 1922	351.55
Tax Year 1923	654.25
Tax Year 1924	773.22
Tax Year 1925	17,524.24
Total Delinquent Taxes December 31st, 1925 as per Comparative Balance Sheet	$21,042.91

ASSESSED VALUATION AND TAX RATE

Total Assessed Valuation real and personal property 1925 ..... $3,835,000.00
City Tax Rate covering all purposes ..... $16.66 2-3 per $1000.00 valuation

BONDED INDEBTEDNESS OF THE CITY OF CORDELE

Total Bonded Debt as of December 31st, 1925	$227,000.00
Total Amount in Sinking Fund December 31st, 1925	81,524.98
Total Net Indebtedness December 31st, 1925	145,475.02

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CORDELE

The Most Accessible City of Southwest Ga.

Population

Census of 1920, 6,583, in 1924, 7,000. Cordele is the center of a population of more than 40,000 within a radius of twenty miles.

Location

In Middle Southwest Georgia, 65 miles South of Macon; 150 miles west of Savannah and Brunswick, Georgia,s seaports, 80 miles North of Valdosta and 90 miles East of Columbus, Ga. On the National Highway and a branch of the Dixie Highway, leading from the North into Florida.

Government

Commission-Manager form of government under practical and progressive charter amendment. Efficient motor equipped Fire Department. Splendid Police Department, giving courteous yet stern enforcement of the City Laws.

Climate

Cordele's pleasant breezes in summer and her mild winters make this an ideal spot in which to make your home. The wide, well paved streets and sidewalks, lined with beautiful shade trees, and beautiful homes will compare favorably with any city of its size in the state.

Educational

Cordele has three splendid public school buildings well equipped and manned with efficient teachers for the education of its white children and three institutions of education for the colored. A modern and well stocked library is maintained and both the County and City have free use of the books.

Religious and Social

Cordele is noted for its fine churches of which there are five for white and four for colored worshippers. The Women's Clubs, Lions Club, Kiwanis Club and other social organizations insure the citizens a wide range of work and entertainment to suit the individual desires.

Banking and Industrial

Cordele has ample banking facilities. Is served by two express companies. Owns its waterworks system and has an ample supply of pure health giving water for a city of twice its present population. Has two large planing mills, two oil mills handling peanuts and cotton seed; a successful creamery and cold storage plant; Ice factory also with cold storage; largest foundry and machine shop in South Georgia; large hardwood mill; a tannery and several other manufacturing plants making Cordele a manufacturing center of worth to this section.

Cordele is a Good Locatoin For

Hardwood Industries and Furniture Factories. A PACKING PLANT. Large quantities of hogs and cattle are bought here every year. Cotton Mills and Knitting Mills located here will be near the best producing section of the Cotton Belt. Give Cordele Consideration.

"YOU'LL LIKE CORDELE"

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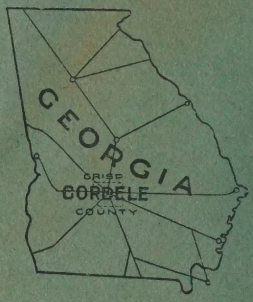
CORDELE'S RAILROAD FACILITIES

22 PASSENGER TRAINS DAILY

Radiating Seven Different Directions



TRANSPORTATION

Served by three main trunk line railroads and one short line, Cordele has unsurpassed railroad and transportation facilities. Twenty-two passenger trains make regular stops at Cordele each 24 hours, and the local and through freight service is ample to meet all the requirements of a thriving and growing community